

Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence, Inc.

BOARD MEETING  
U.S. Naval Academy Alumni House  
Annapolis, Maryland

October 11, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., at 11.30 A.M.

In the absence of the Chaplain-General, Mr. Goodsell offered the Society Prayer.

Those present were: Miss Juliana T. Paca, Dr. Thomas McKean Downs, Mrs. J. Howard Patterson, Miss Emily G. Hopkinson, Major William McK. Scott, Mr. Wentworth S. Simmons, Mr. Thomas Graham, Mrs. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Mr. Edward B. Walker, Mrs. Edward B. Walker, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Miss Natalie L. Densmore, Mr. Marsden C. Smith.

In view of the fact that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed to all members of the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. The Minutes were corrected to include the names of Miss Emily G. Hopkinson and Miss Mildred W. Lee as being present at the May Meeting.

The reports of the President-General, Vice-Presidents-General, and the Historian-General were deferred to the General Meeting of the membership.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL was received and approved.

NEW MEMBERS

#1177	Dr. Thomas McKean Downs, Jr. Henry Avenue & Abbottsford Road Philadelphia 29, Pa.	Signer: Thomas McKean
#1178	Edward Thornton Jameson 20 Perkins Road Rye Beach, New Hampshire	Signer: Matthew Thornton
#1179	Fielding Slaughter Robinson 136 East 64th Street New York, N. Y.	Signer: Carter Braxton
#1180	Mrs. John White Clarke 1826 North Third Street Waterloo, Iowa	Signer: Samuel Chase
#1181	Mrs. Calvin Lee Lane 2224 $\frac{1}{2}$ Brandon Road Wilmington, North Carolina	Signer: Samuel Chase

- #1182 Henry Haines Stockton Signer: Richard Stockton  
65 East 96th Street  
New York 28, N. Y.
- #1183 Harry Corbin Bray Signer: Carter Braxton  
P.O. Box 2002, Pine Log Road  
Aiken, South Carolina

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

- #473 James Houston Caldwell, Jr. Signer: John Morton  
b. March 25, 1957
- #474 William Reed Daugeette Signer: Edward Rutledge  
b. December 27, 1957 Arthur Middleton
- #475 Katherine Susanne Pannell Signer: Edward Rutledge  
b. May 11, 1958 Arthur Middleton
- #476 Elizabeth Clarke Lane Signer: Samuel Chase  
b. August 12, 1957
- #477 Harry Corbin Bray, Jr. Signer: Carter Braxton  
b. January 14, 1944
- #478 Reginald Payton Bray Signer: Carter Braxton  
b. April 6, 1947

DEATHS

- #972 Charles Butler Alexander September 25, 1958
- #178 Miss Leola Spotswood Braxton May 5, 1958
- #417 Mrs. J. Morrison Hutcheson July 6, 1958
- #746 Mr. Charles Henry Parker October 19, 1957
- #365 Miss May Axford Martin April 9, 1951

A silent prayer was offered for those departed members, all standing.

RESIGNATIONS

- #976 James N. McKean
- #678 Dr. Owen Jones Toland
- #1071 Mrs. Andrew Henry Christian

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL:

The report was read by the Treasurer-General and was approved as read, a copy of the report is appended to the Minutes of the General Meeting. The following were dropped for non-payment of dues for two years:

#997	Eldridge DeHart Booth, Jr.
#939	Norton Downs, III
#822	Mrs. Filius Archamaeau Duplessis
#1134	Mrs. John Egan
#956	Theodore Frothingham
#970	Mrs. Alexander A. Marx
#954	Mrs. Leland Stanley Pierson, Jr.

91 members are behind in current dues  
24 members are one year back.

LIFE MEMBER ELECTED

#888 Mr. Pennington Satterthwaite, Jr.

REPORT OF STATE GOVERNORS:

The reports were deferred to the General Meeting.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from Mrs. Day whose son Dwight Day, Jr., is now receiving the Society's Scholarship, as Miss Cynthia Darragh has elected to give up the Scholarship. The President-General read a very appreciative letter from Dwight Day, Jr., our new scholar.

REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE:

Mr. Axford not being present there was no report made. The President-General spoke at some length regarding the importance of the Bulletin to the membership as it stimulated interest in the activities of the Society and attendance at the meetings. It was decided that an assistant chairman be appointed to assist Mr. Axford in publishing the Bulletin three times a year at least three weeks prior to a meeting. The expense of printing and mailing the Bulletin was also mentioned and it was unanimously agreed by the Board that if the Society is to incur this expense maximum benefits should be obtained by regular and periodic mailing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Walker reported on the efforts being made to obtain Historical records formerly in the possession of Miss Beach, who is now in a nursing home. While these records cannot presently be located, information has been received from Miss Beach's attorney that nothing of importance to the Society has been lost. The President-General called attention to a scrap-book kept by Miss Beach and Mr. Walker stated he would investigate the matter and report to the Board at a later meeting.

The President-General read a letter from Mr. Hugh Gwynn Postles regarding the procedure necessary to restore the Society insignia and plate removed by

vandals from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Board authorized the President-General to make the necessary arrangements and incur the necessary expense for this restoration.

A letter was read from Mrs. Carson, our Governor for Georgia, enclosing clippings regarding the discovery of a portrait of Button Gwinnett by Mrs. Granger Hansell, President of the Atlanta Art Association. This information will be turned over to the Bulletin Committee. Mrs. Carson also spoke of the fine program arranged for the Maryland meeting by Miss Paca. We all regret Mrs. Carson's absence from the meeting.

The Secretary-General reported on various matters old and new, which will be outlined more fully at the General Meeting.

Miss Hopkinson reported briefly on the Freedom Week celebration held in Philadelphia the week of the Fourth of July. This matter will be covered more fully at the General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The President-General reported that the New York meeting will be held at the Colony Club, February 14th, 1959. This is a cocktail meeting and is most enjoyable. It is hoped that we will have a large attendance from out of town members and if they do make an annual visit to New York they will arrange their visit for the weekend of February 14th.

Mr. Walker presented the new President of the Virginia Society, Mr. Marsden C. Smith, who succeeds Mrs. Dwight Day, who has been such an efficient and dedicated President. The Society feels very happy that Mr. Smith will carry on and it is understood from Mr. Smith's remarks that plans for the meeting in Virginia in October, 1959, are already underway.

Miss Paca, our Governor for Maryland, who has done such a magnificent job in arranging the Annapolis meeting, banquet and tour of the Eastern Shore, spoke of the newspaper publicity the Society has received from Annapolis and Baltimore papers. The Society is hopeful that this marks the beginning of a strong Maryland Society and with Miss Paca at the helm it is felt that many Marylanders will lend their support to our organization.

There being no further new business the meeting was adjourned at 1 P.M.

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A delicious luncheon was served at the Alumni House to the Board members and the menu contained certain of the Special dishes for which Maryland is famous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Graham*  
Secretary-General